

Morgantown Museum Commission
Meeting Minutes
June 19, 2014

Present: Pam Ball, Rick McEwuen, Christie Venham, Michael Mackert, Swifty Shaver, Aaron Hawley, Jenny Selin, Wes Nugent

Pam Ball called the meeting to order at 6:05 PM. Minutes from the May meeting were approved as written with one correction. The Volunteer is working 8 hours per week instead of four.

Jenny Selin presented the Museum with color pictures presented to the City from the Sister City in China. An exhibit of these pictures will be planned for the near future.

Pam remarked about the coverage of the Morgantown #1 License Plate presentation event by the Dominion Post and WBOY TV. The event was well presented in both cases. The family was quite pleased with everything.

Pam announced the receipt of the award of \$4500.00 grant from Your Community Foundation/ Arts Fund for the coming fiscal year. She also said there has been no word yet on the grants applied for by Steve Stathakis for the Flatboat Project. Furthermore, she announced that we will be getting an Americorp volunteer worker, as the application had been approved. Pam also announced the Assistant Dean of the WVU School of Marketing will be using the Museum for a student marketing project. The first semester will consist of information gathering and the second semester will be development of marketing strategies for the Museum. Rick announced the grant papers had been submitted to the County for the Community Participation Grant for the purchase of the large format scanner. The papers have been approved by the County and forwarded to the State in Charleston. The County will forward the monies as soon as they are received from the State. The "Best Chef" competition will be held again in August and Pam received word from Brenda Shinkovich that 9 chef have signed up so far. There are a total of 15 possible spaces available and 250 tickets will be sold.

Matt brought up the idea of having a marble tournament at the Greenmont Neighborhood celebration on the 28th. He will need to have a set of tournament rules.

Michael said he has 1 volunteer working 8 hours per week cataloging photographs and have completed donations up to 2010. He had a second volunteer sign up today and a background check is currently underway. Michael also presented a "Memo of Understanding" from the WVU Center for Service and Learning for a cooperative agreement for students to work in the Museum. Michael also announced the availability of personal email addresses for the Commissioners and requested a preferred email address from each.

Swifty announced that Tom Hart will be coming in to the Museum for an interview for the Hometown Sports exhibit. He has also talked to Chester Brooks and will be setting up an interview with him. Swifty has collected a letterman's jacket from St. Francis and will soon be getting one from Morgantown High School. He is in the process of setting up a meeting with the Clay-Battelle cheerleading coach and Trinity School. He also plans on contacting Gene Perelli about local bocci ball.

Aaron volunteered to talk to Kay Murray and Jim Stallings at WAJR radio about a feature about the Hometown Sports exhibit at the Museum.

Rick will try to get a multi-camera security system for the Museum.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:38 PM.

Rick McEwuen, secretary